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## NUMBER CRUNCH

91

Percent of GCSU education graduates that are still teaching in the field after five years.

*Source: The Calendar*



## *"No more pencils No more books No more teacher's dirty looks..."*

As the school year comes to a close, The Colonnade would like to take a look back at the events that shaped the 2007-2008 year.



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*"It did not come down to ethics of student dollars, it came down to the money we had to spend."*

- Ryan Greene, SGA president



FILE PHOTO  
Bands such as John Butler Trio, pictured above, performed last year at the Sweetwater Festival thanks to funding from student activity fees. This year student fees will no longer fund the festival, leaving it looking for other sponsors.

## Festival funding cut for '08

BY WES BROWN  
SENIOR REPORTER

The tide rolled in this week on the wave of controversy surrounding the Student Activity Budget Committee (SABC) and the Sweetwater Festival. On Wednesday, SABC finalized its decision to cut funding from the annual downtown festival, saying the money was not available this year.

"There is no funding this year," SGA president Ryan Greene said. "The main reason is the amount of money we had after hearing all the requests. We looked at each individual request and had a difficult time making the decision we did. We just could-

n't put money towards Sweetwater. We didn't have the money to pull from the students' pockets to give."

This year SABC had roughly over \$350,000 to work with and an increase of approximately \$150,000 worth of requests. SABC has funded the festival for the past three years and gave them \$35,000 last year. Sweetwater requested \$45,000 this year.

"It did not come down to ethics of student dollars, it came down to the money we had to spend," Greene said. "We cut almost everything we funded this year. Next year, we are raising the student fee to increase the pool of money

we have to work with."

Although a tough decision for SABC, Greene believes it is one that had to be made.

"It is one thing to compare Sweetwater to Homecoming, but it is another to compare Sweetwater to the Campus Activity Board International Club or The GIVE Center," Greene said. "That is how all those groups run."

Jimmy Holder, who is responsible for organizing the venue's main stage music and is co-chairman of Sweetwater's marketing committee, respects the decision made and is uncertain of other sources of funding.

"Obviously we are dis-

appointed in their decision, but we respect it and are moving on," Holder said. "We have not really looked for other funding. We were waiting on their decision."

The verdict is final, and it is one Greene stresses was a university decision.

"The decision is final," Greene said. "President Leland, Vice President for Student Affairs Bruce Harshbarger and the university approved it. I told President Leland that I wanted the decision to be made as a university decision. This wasn't a decision of SABC but a decision of the university."

Even though the decision must be approved by

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## Kappa Delta is new addition to Greek alphabet

BY WARREN JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

Students can look forward to a new set of Greek letters on campus when GCSU welcomes its newest addition next fall. Kappa Delta sorority has been chosen as the next organization to join GCSU's Greek family.

Recent growth in the number of females going through recruitment has prompted the decision to bring in a new sorority. GCSU chartered a new fraternity in 2006, but a new sorority has not come to campus in over four years.

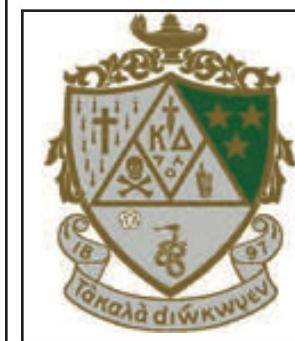
"We've had to limit the number going through recruitment in past years," said Reese Cohn, advisor for Student Life.

Now, more than 550 girls will make up the sorority community.

Administration sent out a bulletin announcing its request for a new chapter and received material from eight groups requesting consideration, but only three groups were chosen to visit.

Alpha Xi Delta, Kappa Delta and Alpha Gamma Delta toured the campus last week in hopes of winning the support of the GCSU expansion committee, the administration and the existing Greek community.

### Kappa Delta facts



#### Founded

Oct. 23, 1897

#### Motto

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Olive green and pearl

#### Members

200,000

"We're looking for a group that will complement our already outstanding Greek community," said Cohn. "All three sororities would make a great addition to our school, but we're only looking for one."

Kappa Delta made a great case during Tuesday's visit. Each sorority made presentations to tell about its group's history and philanthropy, but representatives from Kappa Delta appealed most to the assembly. Among its successes are

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NEWS

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## City to enforce district zoning

BY ASHLEE MOONEYHAN  
SENIOR REPORTER

It has been a hot topic of debate for the past two years to speak of the action taken by the City of Milledgeville to restrict certain residential areas to allow no more than three unrelated people to reside in a single home. This is commonly referred to as "The Ordinance," as if it were a looming beast coming to pillage away certain enjoyment from the free life of college students. In fact, this was not the idea behind the adopted ordinance amendment when it was signed two years ago.

Ordinance 0-0609-025, or otherwise, the amendment to "The Land Development Code of the City of Milledgeville, Georgia" was adopted on Nov. 14, 2006, stating that in exactly two years' time restrictions on the number of unrelated persons residing in houses zoned for single-family residences only would be enforced. This means that starting this November, anyone living in a home that is located in a single-family residence zone with more than two other people that are not legally related to him or her will be considered not in compliance with the ordinance.

The written ordinance implies that its purpose is to protect families' rights to peace and quiet, as stated that "the City finds that excessive numbers of unrelated persons dwelling in single-family housing creates noise, traffic, and gatherings that often conflict with family life." It goes on to further define the meaning of family and family life.

Mervin Graham, the zoning administrator for the city's Zoning and Planning Department, insisted that the ordinance is more an attempt to aid and protect families and family life rather than a stab at local college students.

The ordinance cites the U.S. Supreme Court case Village of Belle Terre v. Borass, 416 U.S. 1 (1974) in saying that the city would like to uphold the idea that single-family zones are places "where family values, youth values and the blessings of quiet seclusion and clean air make a sanctuary for people."

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The dining hall has flirted with the idea of changing the name to "The Max," to go along with the Maxwell Student Union and the diner in the show "Saved by the Bell."

## Dining hall to rid Saga name

BY DEVIN VERNICK  
SENIOR REPORTER

Saga, one word that could evoke many different images or emotions, and for the past 22 years the unofficial title of GCSU's student dining hall - and a name whose own saga may soon end.

The proposal to officially name GCSU's dining hall developed during an Auxiliary Services meeting held several weeks ago. University Auxiliary Services is a branch of GCSU's administration that includes services such as The Village, PawPrints Bookstore and student dining.

Sodexho, the company currently providing campus dining in the Maxwell Student Union for GCSU, bears no affiliation with the name "Saga," a food services vendor that dissolved in 1988. Like many universities did, GCSU ended its contract with Saga in 1986.

Saga's reputation grew very questionable toward the end of its existence and was known for poor service and food quality. Because GCSU has never given its dining hall an official title, Saga has remained its unofficial moniker.

The tradition has been perpetuated by a lack of replacement, the simplicity of using the word, and a lack of initiative by succeeding food service providers or auxiliary services to push for naming the actual dining hall.

Greg Brown, GCSU's associate director of Auxiliary Services, is a

part of the committee discussing the name change, which also includes GCSU's Student Government Association and Sodexho. The possible change is intended to coincide with renovations that are planned to begin in the dining hall this summer.

In the midst of that discourse, making 'Saga' the dining hall's official title was presented. The proposition didn't win many over.

"Given the history of Saga, this may be a tradition that should go away," Brown said.

Brown, like many, believes that traditions should carry meaning and come by design, not circumstance. GCSU students have nothing else to call their dining hall.

The actual naming process is very involved, and various circles within GCSU and the Board of Regents must approve a submitted name. Whether the naming will be decided by vote or by committee is undecided.

One idea brought to the table was "The Max," a reference to the building's official title, The Maxwell Student Union. A successful television show from the early 1990s also depicted a school cafeteria nicknamed "The Max" which was a popular hangout for its characters.

"Students have to call it something, and "Saga" is easy to say," SGA president Ryan Green said. "We don't want to name it anything that won't be received in a positive manner."

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## Pig in a Pit to open new place downtown

BY COURTNEY MCMAHON  
STAFF REPORTER

The Pig in a Pit barbecue restaurant is relocating to the heart of downtown in hopes of gaining more community support and better business. The grand opening is tentatively scheduled for June 1, 2008, and the new and improved restaurant will be located between Blackbird Coffee and Buffington's.

"We are very happy to soon be apart of the downtown community," said Ben Loper, co-owner of Pig in a Pit. "We have such a good college following, so it will be easier to access and in a much better location."

This family owned and operated restaurant decided relocating the restaurant would bring much better business and prove dedication to the community.

Loper and his partner, Hal Loper, designed the new restaurant and are excited to see the outcome. They wanted a new and improved design that would satisfy the customers. With a much bigger budget than in the past, the Lopers built the restaurant the way they had always imagined.

"It was so much better not having to work with a shoestring budget in building this time," Loper said.

The moving process was running very smoothly until a fire destroyed the old restaurant. The disaster devastated the Loper family and brought on many complications that



ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Pig in a Pit is relocating to downtown to gain better business after enduring a fire in February. The restaurant plans to open in June.

delayed the moving process.

"We're finally back on our feet now," Loper said.

"We are moving forward and looking towards the future."

Loper explained that hiring will be taking place for the new location, but many employees will be returning. Pig in a Pit also caters events, so work experience is well appreciated. The employees also learn to work together during these events.

"The staff has a very close relationship," employee Terren Partridge said. "Since it is family owned and family operated you become part of their family when you are hired."

Partridge explains that the job is far from easy, but she would highly recommend working there. The benefits are great and

since this is a college town, managers understand the importance of school work.

Pig in a Pit provides many GCSU students with part-time jobs. It requires hard work, but the employees enjoy what they do and the overall work environment.

College students are constantly competing for jobs located downtown because of the convenient location. Thriving business has revitalized the downtown community and brought many new and successful businesses.

"I think the downtown community as a whole will benefit when Pig in a Pit opens," said Ashley Wright, waitress at Velvet Elvis. "It will bring more diversity downtown which will result in more business for everyone."

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The GCSU School of Education recently won an award for their excellence. Ashley Johnson, senior middle grade education major works as a student teacher at Oak Hill Middle School using blocks to help students learn.

## Education school gets top honors

BY CHELSEA THOMAS  
SENIOR REPORTER

The John H. Lounsbury School of Education recently received the nationwide 2008 Wisniewski Award. A prestigious honor, this award shines the spotlight on an academic arena that has grown and developed significantly at GCSU in the past 25 years.

The Wisniewski Award recognizes one institution per year that has made "singularly significant contributions to the theory and practice of teacher education." The Society of Professors of Education (SPE), the oldest professional organization for teacher educators in the United States, presents the award in remembrance of Dr. Richard Wisniewski who is a past president and treasurer of the Society of Professors in Education, a former dean of education at the University of Tennessee, and even a past president of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Association.

On March 27, dean of education Linda Irwin-



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Mallori Harden, senior middle grades education major, works with Oak Hill seventh graders, reviewing the 4 quadrants of the Cartesian plane by drawing it on the ground with chalk.

Devitis and nine other faculty members traveled to New York to accept the award during the annual American Educational Research Association (AERA) Conference.

Dr. Carol H. Bader, assistant dean for the John H. Lounsbury School of Education, shares her opinion on how GCSU won this award.

"First of all, we have truly dedicated faculty who go

beyond what is expected. Secondly, our program allows our students to work with different levels of education and with different types of students - rural, city, rich, poor and all kinds. They are getting these experiences to know what the teaching program is going to be like. It's not going to be something they made up in their heads; it's going to be true," said Bader.

Interestingly enough,

when the John H. Lounsbury School of Education applied for the education cohort program it faced a lot of opposition. Now, decades later, the GCSU program serves as a model to other schools. Five years after graduation, 91 percent of GCSU education graduates are still teaching, whereas the national average is 50 percent. Likewise, pre-education and cohort students contributed about 3,456 hours of service learning between 2006 and 2007.

Since 2006, the John H. Lounsbury School of Education has received more than \$2 million in grants. Some of those grants include the National Writing Project, Special Education Grant, Early College Grant, and PRISM Grant for math and science.

"We expect high quality from ourselves, our students and the people we collaborate with. I think this is the first step in gaining national recognition. Statewide we already have positive recognition," Bader said.

Over the last few years, the education graduate program has been steadily increasing in applicants. More and more applicants are getting turned away, because there are not enough host teachers and mentors available.

"It was getting harder to get the quality we were expecting of ourselves and our host teachers. We decided we wanted to go for the quality rather than the quantity," explains Bader.

Overall, the John H. Lounsbury School of Education has been flexing its muscles over the past decade, growing in status and merit. The 2008 Wisniewski Award merely saluted all the hard work put into the program by faculty, students and mentors.

## Staying safe on study abroad

BY ERIN GISH  
STAFF REPORTER

Whether it's studying Hispanic literature in Guadalajara, Mexico or Art Appreciation in Montepulciano, Italy, GCSU students will be traveling overseas this summer with the Study Abroad program.

Just under 300 students will be journeying to not only Mexico and Italy but France, the U.K., Australia, Ghana, Russia, Germany, Greece, Spain and the list goes on.

While scheduled departures draw near, few students think about the possible dangers they could face while on their travels, but Study Abroad advisor Liz Havey sees to it that they do.

"For the most part traveling abroad encounters similar risks that one encounters here in the United States with a location you're not familiar with," Havey said.

Getting lost, falling victim to pickpockets or petty theft seem to be the biggest threat of traveling abroad, but Havey and the rest of the Study Abroad staff do a lot to ensure a safe trip for all students.

Every student planning to study abroad must attend a two hour orientation about health and safety while traveling.

"In a general session we talk about ways to protect yourself against theft and things of that nature," Havey said. "Keeping an eye out for their belongings, especially their money and their passport, are of high priority."

Besides the two hour orientation, the program offers many sources of safety information for students.

"In the three years that I've been here, we've been very fortunate to not have any major issues," Havey smiles and knocks on wood.

GCSU faculty does a lot of research to ensure that a site is completely safe before students are even able to register.

"Typically, faculty members choose a location because they have vast experience there already. They'll go on a site visit to identify basic things like accommodations but also to identify health care facilities with English speaking doctors and the location of the local Embassy," said Havey. "All of this information is compiled into a proposal that the faculty

**The Study Abroad website suggests the following tips:**

- When staying in a foreign country and not as part of a group, it is a good idea to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy.

- Should an emergency occur while you are on study abroad, contact your in-country study abroad program director, who will manage the situation.

- When traveling remember that customs and communication styles differ across the world. As such, be aware of the image you present.

- Never travel with large amounts of cash, instead travel with credit or debit cards, as they are insured and replaceable.

- Be sure to keep copies of your passport, visa and other identification in a safe place.

- If you take prescription medications, be sure to bring enough refills for the duration of your stay, as well as a handwritten prescription.

- Keep ALL prescriptions in the original container. You may be required to dispose of them by airport security.

- If you wear contact lenses or glasses, bring a spare pair, as well as a replacement prescription.

- If you have any chronic conditions you should contact your doctor before departing.

- Prepare a simple First Aid kit that includes over-the-counter medications, e.g., antiseptic cream, pain relievers, upset stomach/diarrhea medication, etc.

- To prevent illness from the physical shock of changing environment, drink plenty of fluids.

member submits to our office which is then shared with our university lawyer and our business office."

Havey says that the school will not send students anywhere deemed unsafe like Kenya, a long standing program that was recently moved because of the current political situation there.

"We stay abreast of current political, economic and environmental issues to make sure that we can provide the safest program possible for our students," Havey said. "There are always risks involved that we can't control, but we do everything in our power to ensure a safe and happy experience."

### Ordinance

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ple." This case of precedence legally provides grounds for the City of Milledgeville to enforce the ordinance, mainly because the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of a similar case in the past.

There are too many roads to list all that are affected, but some general areas that are affected include Carrington Woods neighborhood, many residential roads linked to Carl Vinson highway, parts of the downtown historic district, as well as various other locations inside the city limits.

According to Graham, much time and careful effort was put into researching similar city ordinances in other cities with the same issue, such as Athens. She said that other cities have also taken such action to "protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents and families," as the written ordinance clearly states is its

purpose.

One rumor that can be dispelled is that apartment buildings within the single-family zones will be affected. According to Graham, this is not true, "those buildings have been there, and always will be there, even before this idea of zoning happened."

This means that even apartment buildings that at one time were large houses and then were converted into apartments will not be affected, as long as the house continues to be divided into individual units.

How will city officials know how many unrelated people are actually living in a single home, you may ask yourself? According to the written amendment ordinance, city officials will be able to track and enforce the number of unrelated residents in homes by using what is called 'prima facie proof.' This kind of proof "is established in any prosecution for violation of this Section (4.4) if it is shown that the same four or more vehicles with registration to persons having different surnames and addresses

were parked overnight at the dwelling unit a majority of nights in any twenty-one day period," states the ordinance.

In other words, city officials can track the registration ownership of vehicles, and the number of actual vehicles parked at a residence for many overnight stays during an extended amount of time to determine who is not in compliance with the ordinance. It is unclear whether there will be other ways in which the number of residents is determined in the future. Landlords, and homeowners will primarily be responsible for maintaining a complying number of tenants and persons registered or paying rent at each dwelling.

It will be of interest to students seeking off-campus residences for the fall 2008 semester to check with the Zoning and Planning Department located downtown, next to the City Hall main building, for detailed information on which areas, streets and neighborhoods are affected by the ordinance.

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# Grant turns GCSU global

By SIMONE JAMESON  
STAFF WRITER

After months of intense planning and preparation, GCSU was recently rewarded a \$60,000 grant by the Board of Regents to support efforts of internationalizing the majors. Modeling Georgia Tech's International Plan, various majors will adapt an optional international track, giving students further access to study abroad and international living communities.

The grant was urged by GCSU president Dorothy Leland expressing the need for an international perspective at GCSU in an increasingly global society.

"This grant will enable Georgia College to expand its efforts to bring a global perspective to the majors that it offers," Leland said. "Through this initiative, we will expand efforts already underway to weave global perspectives into the cur-

riculum at (GCSU)."

Leland, along with a few other colleagues, had written the grant proposal, addressing the need for diversity in core curriculum.

Upon receiving the grant, four major departments including History, Geography and Philosophy, Economics and Finance, Business and Finance and Nursing have jump started the internationalizing process. Each department is planning an international degree track that will give students the option to study a course abroad that directly deals with the major.

Dr. Stephen Auerbach, assistant professor of the History, Geography and Philosophy department, explains that the target goal of the program for students is "a leg up in competing in the global world." Instructing courses such as World Civilization I and French Revolution, Auerbach is often forced to

teach from a multicultural perspective, offering courses in France, India and China.

GCSU, originally applying for a \$50,000 grant was pleasantly surprised at receiving more than expected. As the grant quickly turned to \$60,000 both students and faculty were optimistic of its promised effects.

"I've had classes that spoke about standards in other countries, but students wouldn't actually retain it," senior business major Neil Orand said. "You kinda need that hands-on experience."

GCSU staff and faculty aspire to maintain a path for multicultural teaching and learning that is both ambitious and realistic.

For the upcoming months, eight new departments will expect to undergo similar effects. The final results of the grant are expected to surface by the end of this year.

## Educators in the nation's capital...



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## Sweetwater

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GCSU administration, it is primarily up to the students.

"Well it is student revenue so students make the call," Harshbarger said. "The university checks to make sure things that require a certain level of funding receive that. There are 30 or 40 different cost centers in the budget, such as CAB, SGA and student events."

Out of those expenses, certain decisions are left purely up to the students." Harshbarger affirmed that a sponsorship with Parents' Weekend and the Sweetwater Festival would continue.

"With Parents Weekend, actually now Family Weekend, we purchase a registration fee including tickets for each of the guests for Sweetwater," Harshbarger said. "As far as putting money towards entertainment, we cannot fund that through state dollars. That must come from student revenue."

Whether or not this move is permanent is uncertain.

"Next year's committee is totally different," Greene said. "There are different people on the committee each year and they will vote and make those decisions when it is time."

The projected attendance for this year's festival is 15,000 people. Last

year's festival totaled over 4,537 students in attendance (85.6 percent of the GCSU student body) and over 2,600 parents. This semester more than ten student organizations petitioned to continue festival funding including: Kappa Sigma, Kappa Alpha, The Student Ambassador Team and Delta Sigma Phi.

"The concerts were fun and that is what made the festival what it was," freshman history and political science major Peter Robertson said.

"There were booths and other attractions but for college students the concerts were the main attraction. Without the concerts there will not be as large as a turnout."

bond between the existing sororities on campus as well as new members in the fall.

Each existing sorority nominated one of the three groups for colonization and the choice was made late Tuesday afternoon.

"Kappa Delta has big plans for GCSU," said Betty Mulkey, national vice president of membership, "and we think it's a natural fit."

The sorority plans to

recruit 115 new members next fall. The chapter will be assigned a development coordinator to live on campus to help with the recruitment and initiation process.

As the university grows in number, the Greek community can allow more organizations to join its family.

"There's always room for more," said Cohn, "but we're taking it one step at a time."

## Dining Hall

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Twenty years after the fact, the name of "Saga" lives on - for better or worse. After Saga's 1988 demise, the Marriott hotel corporation purchased it. Marriott's venture into the dining industry and their presence here at GCSU

would be short-lived.

Neal Seigler, Sodexo's general manager, is fully aware of the dining hall's identity issues.

"It's a tradition that's happened here," Seigler said. "It's not that it bothers us; it's just not our name."

If an official name cannot be settled upon, next year's class of incoming

freshman, like many before them, will know their dining hall as "Saga." After all, what are they suppose to call it?

"Not many people at this college have ever asked, 'what's the real name of this place?'" said Brown.

The ironic saga continues.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, April 25 - Tuesday, May 6

## Friday, April 25

- 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. India Barfield's Art Exhibit - Blackbridge Hall  
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Logan Ferrelle's Art Exhibit - Blackbridge Hall  
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Georgia Green Art Exhibit - GCSU Museum  
 12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. University Senate Meeting - A&S 2-72  
 5:30 p.m. Jazz Fest - Black Heritage Plaza  
 7:30 p.m. BALD Shorts Film Festival - Magnolia Ballroom

## Saturday, April 26

- 5:30 p.m. Jazz Fest - Black Heritage Plaza  
 8 p.m. GCSU Dance Minor Concert- Russell Auditorium

## Sunday, April 27

- 2 p.m. GCSU Dance Minor Concert- Russell Auditorium  
 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Book Signing at Andalusia  
 6 p.m. Athletics Banquet - Magnolia Ballroom

## Monday, April 28

## Tuesday, April 29

- 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Milledgeville Stories Public Art Reception - Pedestrian Tunnel on Wayne Street

## Wednesday, April 30

- 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Senior Art History Thesis Presentations by Neca Wren and Meredith North - 101 Mayfair Hall  
 12:30 p.m. CAPC Meeting - Arts and Sciences 2-16  
 12:30 p.m. SIFE Meeting - 107 Atkinson Hall  
 10 p.m. - 12 a.m. Midnight Breakfast- MSU Dining Hall

## Thursday, May 1

- 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Retirement Ceremony for Dr. Anne Gormly - University Banquet Room

## Friday, May 2

- 9 a.m. 2008 Spring Staff Excellence Awards - Maxwell Student Union Lounge  
 7 p.m. First Friday Foreign Film: Ba Wang Bie Ji - Arts and Sciences Auditorium

## Saturday, May 3

## Sunday, May 4

## Monday, May 5

## Tuesday, May 6

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## NOW HEAR THIS

### Graduate and Undergraduate students combine talents for a free performance

On Monday, April 28 at 7 p.m. four graduate student writers will be performing staged readings and performances of their work in the Arts & Sciences Auditorium. To accompany them, undergraduate directors and actors will perform sections from new plays and screenplays. "Fluffy and Muffy" by Angela Hall is a comedic story about dogs as surrogate children. "Hidden Flowers" by Eddie Zipperer is about an artist who is blocked and begins to draw for comic books in order to make money. Jimmy Holder's "In the Wind" is a serious, but wild story of an amnesiac "fartiste." Finally, a screenplay by Mary James will be shown in partial on the screen in the auditorium. James' screenplay brings up issues of drugs, death and movies. The entire performance is free.

### Senior art history theses carry interesting themes

On Wednesday, April 30, beginning at 11 a.m., Neca Wren and Meredith North will be presenting

their senior art history thesis papers in Mayfair Hall, room 101. Their theses include issues of Hindu-flavored pop American culture and Dada identity. Wren's thesis is titled "Hindu Themes in Avatar: The Last Airbender." North's thesis is titled "The Self and the Other: Personal and Artistic Identity in Hannah Hoch's 'Dompteuse.'" Refreshments will be provided.

### Chinese screenplay debutes for First Friday Foreign Film tradition

The First Friday Foreign Film tradition will continue in May with a screening of "Ba Wang Bie Ji". The movie will be shown on May 2 at 7 p.m. in the Arts & Sciences Auditorium. The film is native to China and its title is translated as "Farewell, My Concubine." The screening is free and will be introduced by Dr. John Cox. The movie touches on much of China's history during the 1900s. The film is set in that era and revolves around a plot of two brothers who are in the Beijing Opera and how their relationship is torn apart by a woman. For further information, contact Roxanne Farrar at 478-445-1188.

Education Center at 478-445-4789.

### Annual spring midnight breakfast helps students prepare for exams

The MSU Dining Hall will be hosting its nineteenth Spring Midnight Breakfast. Starting at 10 p.m., food will be served along with a game of bingo. The breakfast ends around midnight in an effort to encourage students to study for exams. For more information, contact Tom Miles at 478-445-4027.

### Students and elderly combine to make community art

A reception of the Milledgeville Stories Public Art event will be held on Tuesday, April 29 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Pedestrian Tunnel. The Pedestrian Tunnel is on Wayne Street across from Scoops. The students of the Public Art class and the residents of Green Acres Nursing Home created a ceramic tile mural celebrating their favorite memories of Milledgeville. The event is free and open to all. For more information contact Roxanne Farrar at 478-445-1188.

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# Public Safety Report



### Concessions thief needs to make a confession

On April 16, at approximately 12:35 a.m., a man reported that between April 6 and April 9 unknown person(s) removed \$400 from the Intramural Concessions Office located at Bobcat Village.

### Tortilla chips cause fire

On April 17, at approximately 11:57 p.m., Sgt. Reonas was dispatched to The Village in reference to a fire alarm. Contact was made with a female, who advised she had put some tortilla chips in the oven and they caught on fire. She used a fire extinguisher to put out the fire. A work order was put in to Physical Plant to check out the stove and the residents were advised to not use the stove until it has been checked out thoroughly.

### Intoxication leads to arrest

On April 18, at approximately 1:34 a.m., Sgt. Reonas observed a male in front of a local restaurant. The man had had contact with Sgt. Reonas earlier that evening and had been told to go home. When contact was made with the man, he was very unsteady on his feet, had slurred speech and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person. The man was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with Underage Possession of Alcohol.

### Smoking? Are you joking?

On April 20, at approximately 9:31 p.m., Officer Baker was dispatched to a residence hall in reference to marijuana in a room. The RA stated that they were doing inventory inspections in the dorm and found marijuana laying out in plain view as well as smoking devices. The occupant of the room was located and brought back to the room where he admitted the mari-

juana was his. He gave consent to search the room, where more marijuana, smoking devices and bottles of liquor were found. The student was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana and Underage Possession of Alcohol. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler for further investigation.

### Threats and violence erupt between ex-couple

On April 21, at approximately 11:54 p.m., Officer Hicks was flagged down by a female in reference to an altercation between her and her ex-boyfriend at The Village parking lot. She stated that he blocked her from entering her vehicle, ripped the straps to her handbag, pushed her and threatened to harm her and her family. In Officer Hicks' presence, the male made the comment that he was going to "bury" her. The female also stated that he had threatened another student earlier. He was arrested and transported to Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and charged with Terroristic Threats and Simple Assault. He was also trespassing at The Village.

### No brake lights is no good

On April 19, at approximately 9:39 p.m. while on patrol, Officer Miller observed a vehicle on Clarke Street with no working brake lights. A traffic stop was initiated and contact made with the female driver. A check through GCIC found that the driver had outstanding warrants through McIntyre Police Department. The warrants were verified and she was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department to await extradition.

*Information compiled by Jamie Fleming*

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# Opinion

The Colonnade's Forum for Public Debate

Friday, April 25, 2008

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Editor in Chief, Lee Sando

## OUR VOICE

### Goodbye, and good luck

Twenty-six Colonades later, multiple projects spanning longer than 20 typed pages done and turned in, and enough Red Bull consumed to cause heart attacks in some people, the 2007-2008 academic year is almost over. For me at least, this has been the most overwhelming year yet, with class work, work for this newspaper, and my desperate struggle to maintain something resembling a social life causing me to almost lose my mind, not to mention my will to keep working, on several occasions.

And I'm just a junior. I can only imagine how the seniors who are in their final days of their college education must be feeling.

I can imagine that is a mixed series of emotions. I'm sure they're thrilled that all of their hard work has finally paid off. I'm sure it's bittersweet, since they'll be leaving the place that has been their home, and the people that have become a sort of second family to them. I'm sure going out into the 'real world' is more than a little scary.

I'm man enough to admit that I'm frankly petrified by the concept, and I've still got another year of schooling to go through.

But let's not dwell on these things. Let's focus on the positives that come from the ending of another school year.

Our seniors, who have received a fine education from this school, or from GCSU and other universities, will soon be out in the job world taking what they learned here and applying it in a variety of different ways. I'm not worried for our graduates - they've been trained and taught by the best. They'll do wonderfully.

We'll have a whole slew of new students in the fall. Before we know it they'll have made GCSU their new home, just as we already have. Several hundred new students will bring with them a plethora of new ideas and an untapped amount of potential.

The main thing I would like to stress is, though the future is uncertain, it is full of exciting prospects. The unknown may be scary, but it is always cool to know that there will be wonderful things waiting that we cannot conceive at this time. Who knows what awaits GCSU, as well as the students, alumni, faculty and staff in the future?

The only thing I can promise you is that The Colonnade will still be there in the future to keep you posted on all the developments. A new staff has been selected for next year, and I can promise you that the paper is in very capable hands. We will be there in the future, and though we aren't sure exactly what will happen with us either, we're also excited by the prospect that the future leaves.

The Colonnade would like to thank everyone who has helped us out this year. We can't do what we do without the support of the students and faculty to assist us in our articles, everyone who submits letters to us and who comments on our articles online. The Colonnade would be meaningless without our readers who make our job worthwhile. This is your paper - be sure to stay involved in the future.

In closing, we would like to encourage everybody to visit our Web site, [www.gcsunade.com](http://www.gcsunade.com), over the summer to keep up to date with all the happenings on campus. We encourage those who will be graduating to continue to keep tabs on the university even after you've left. To the students who will be returning next year, we hope you will continue to read and support us in the future.

So good luck everyone. See you in the unknown future.



Editor in Chief, for one more week

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## Adams recaps the last seven months



BY ANDREW ADAMS  
COLUMNIST

If you've read my column before you may have noticed that I like to take an unpopular stance and research it, and provide a case for why the view point has merit. Recently you might have seen me do this with issues like global warming and steroids in baseball. However, since it's the end of the year, I decided that for this article I'll just review what has happened the last several months.

The first topic I will start off with is my personal favorite, Republican Presidential candidate Ron Paul. Paul started his campaign with virtually no name recognition and ended his campaign with at least a little. But while he lost his party's nomination, he still accomplished a great deal. Ron Paul had the most YouTube channel subscribers of any politician, more meet-up groups than his opponents, and he was the most requested Presidential candidate on Eventful.com. While his

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While Ron Paul was wooing true conservatives and anti-war liberals, Al Gore was doing pretty good for himself. Recently you might have seen me do this with issues like global warming and steroids in baseball. However, since it's the end of the year, I decided that for this article I'll just review what has happened the last several months.

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From one major Democrat to another: when Barack Obama began his race for the White House, he was just a freshman Senator from Illinois who had only proposed two pieces of legislation. Today he's still that same Freshman Senator with only two pieces of legislation, but he's also a household name and the leading Democrat in the race. It's almost unbelievable how Obama has overcome major double digit deficits to actually be leading Hillary Clinton right now. There's no question that he is a powerful, charismatic speaker that can motivate large crowds. But that doesn't mean it's a shoo-in for him, Democrats have yet to decide if they want the "hope" and "change" Obama offers or the experience Hillary Clinton brings.

This brings me to the Republican nominee John McCain. McCain is definitely an interesting case. He ran against Bush in 2000, angered conservatives and lost. He continued to anger conservatives throughout the next seven years, and then decided to run for President again. And as fate would have it, he won. Now that the maverick McCain is the nominee, and far less liberal than Clinton and Obama, conservatives are trip-

ping over each other to support him. At the age of 71, McCain if elected will be the oldest person to take the Oath of Office. However, McCain has laid out an energetic campaign which he says he will campaign for every vote instead of just a simple majority.

This election is one of our most important. Americans are not happy with the current system. President Bush has recently hit his all-time low approval rating of 30 percent, and Congress is nearing their all-time low as well with just 22 percent of Americans approving of its governing. The President blames Congress, Congress blames the President and poll numbers sink lower and lower. In reality, there is probably enough blame to go around. Before I end this column for the summer, I have one request for each of you. Watch for current events, look into the issues and study the platforms of the candidates. Perhaps if all Americans did this, there wouldn't be such widespread disappointment in the candidates that do get elected.

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## Calbos: 'Home is where the heart is'



BY JERRY CALBOS  
COLUMNIST

real prices of homes now that we have a housing bubble. I would use the term housing implosion. I'm sure the pun would not be funny to some though. We are all realizing how inflated some home prices were in the past five years.

Or here's a topic I haven't tackled. What about the proliferation of Zumba this year? After having gone two Tuesdays in a row, I can understand how it can be addicting.

However, there are some topics I haven't touched, such as religion for my own reasons, because this would involve certain social issues. As some of my friends, but not many readers know, I am theologically conservative (surprising, I know). I'm at a turning point spiritually, whether to keep going to my church (which is evangelical/Pentecostal) or to consider another denomination all together. That's a good term to use when thinking about where my life is going.

There are so many topics I wish I could discuss, such as the Delta/Northwest Airlines merger. That ended up differently than I had expected (thank goodness)! It could also set a merger deal between UAL (parent company of United Airlines) and Continental Airlines. As an airline junkie, just mentioning the thought peaks my interest.

However, there's another issue I haven't tackled. This is the fact we're finally seeing the

paper. We may not have agreed with each other or perhaps we've gotten on the editors' nerves for not meeting particular deadlines (hey, no comment from the peanut gallery!). Yet, in spite of mine or anyone else's opinion here at the paper we love to write for every week of the semester. We realize that we're a small community ... a family if you will. And family is the core of home.

I remember one of the reasons I came to GCSU—the word home was used by a student on a tour of the campus. It felt like home here, it was the little things that helped me decide when I was at a turning point almost two years ago.

A friend of mine, reminded me the other day that I should follow my heart, and I remember that that's exactly what I did when I picked GCSU. I didn't know if I was going to make friends, I actually didn't care. But here, I made friends with faculty (especially in my major department of government and sociology), staff, students and some members of the administration.

Writing for The Colonnade, sometimes I think I made some enemies too, but not everyone is going to like me, I suppose. People read my columns who don't like me. They call me naïve and liberal (like that's a bad word).

Those of us at The Colonnade who are graduating have had a blast working for the

paper. We may not have agreed with each other or perhaps we've gotten on the editors' nerves for not meeting particular deadlines (hey, no comment from the peanut gallery!). Yet, in spite of mine or anyone else's opinion here at the paper we love to write for every week of the semester. We realize that we're a small community ... a family if you will. And family is the core of home.

I will always have wanderlust, it's in my blood. I have to go places, learn about people past and present. I love watching how different people interact in different cultures and places. But I have friends in many places that I can call family. And whenever I need to make a decision at a turning point in my life, I know that I can call on to help make a decision. It's no wonder why they say "home is where the heart is."

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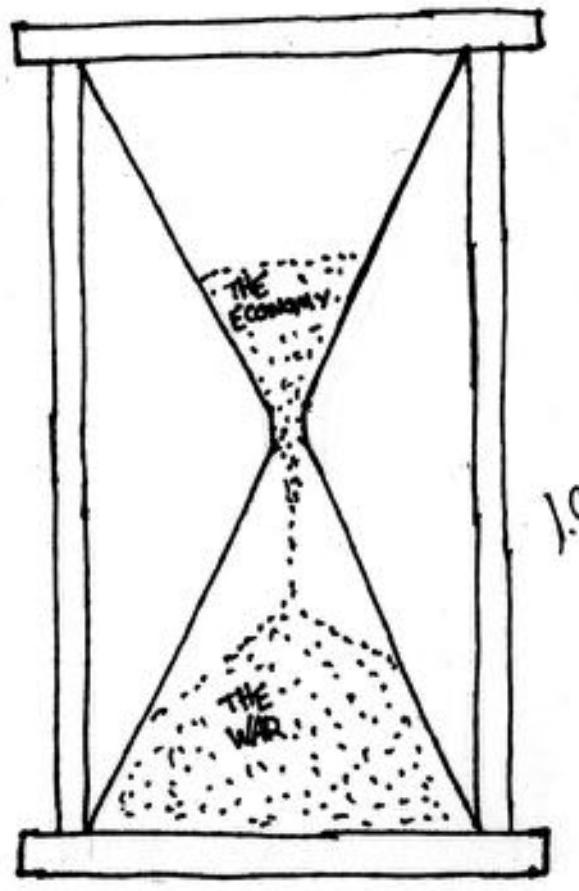
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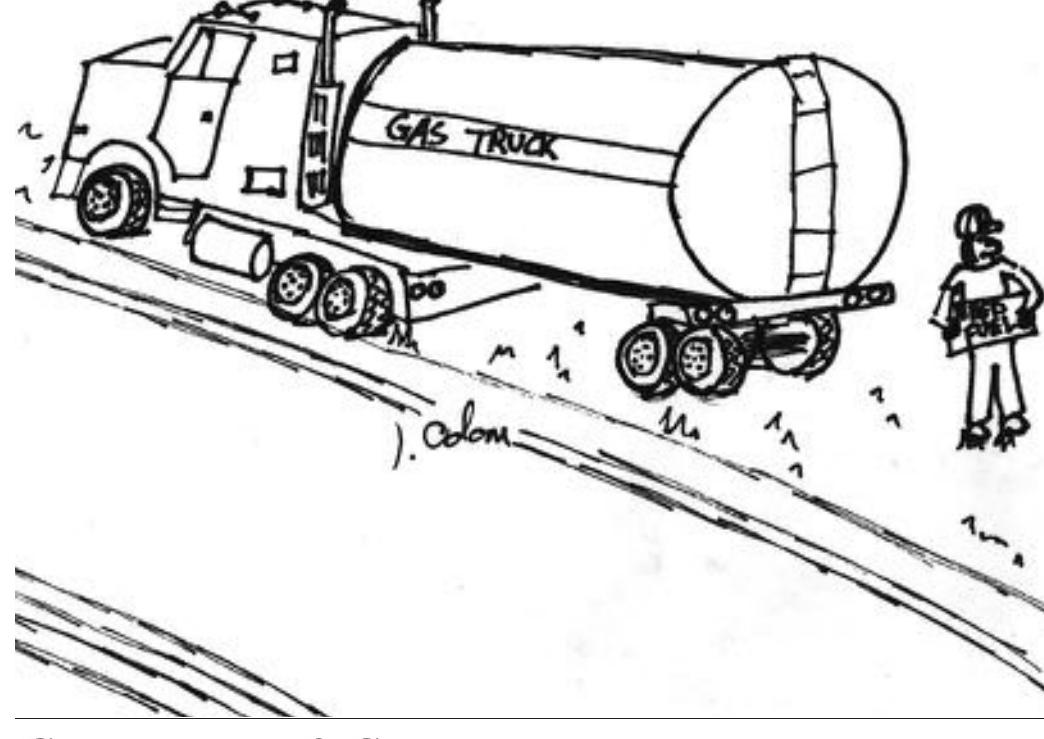
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## THE HARD PRESS

BY JAMES ODOM



You know it's  
bad when...



## CORRECTIONS &amp; CLARIFICATIONS

- In the April 18 edition of The Colonnade we said we would have an article about the Walgreens in the next edition, however there is no article.
- Please see GCSUnade.com to view a slideshow of WGUR's "Fool's Day In" concert.
- In the April 18 edition of The Colonnade in the article entitled "Leap and Awe" Yannik Lebrum was identified as being from French Guiana, Brazil. French Guiana is an independent country and not a part of Brazil.

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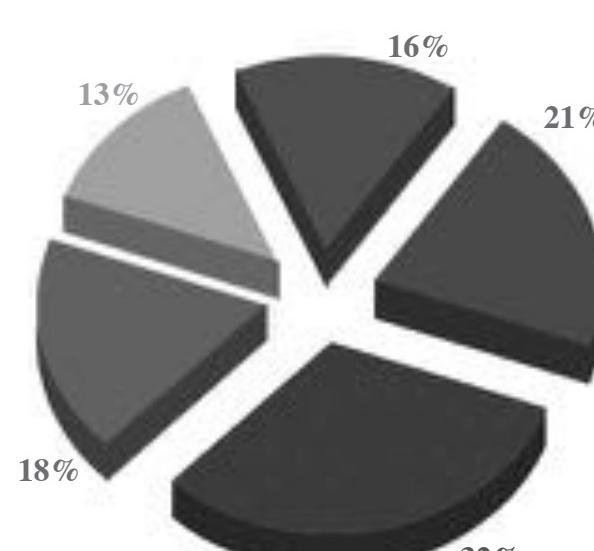
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## POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY LEE SANDOW

## About how many hours will you spend studying for final exams?

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| None              | 21% |
| 1-5               | 16% |
| 6-10              | 13% |
| 11+               | 18% |
| Too many to count | 32% |



## Next issue's question:

Will you be returning to GCSU in the Fall of 2008?

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# Bobcat Beat

What is your fondest memory this semester?



"Being dunked in the pool by several people over spring break."

Danielle Cline, freshman, English



"DM for the kids."

James Joslin, freshman, psychology



"When I got initiated into KA."

Jeff Kazoo, freshman, accounting



"When I shot the game winning three in an intramural basketball game."

Joe Holzman, freshman, general business



"When Delta Zeta won the step show during Greek Week."

Kelly Tucker, freshman, athletic training

Reported by Bobby Gentry

## The Litter Box



Yay Earth Day! This day is the most enjoyable day for me to drive around my old pickup truck with no tailpipes that dumps five billion pounds of pollution into the air per minute!

So I got really excited 'cause I thought some guy was serenading me from outside my window. Then I looked out and saw that it was just some guy spraying weed killer and I was sad.

It took me thirty minutes to close my tab last night at a bar downtown. Awesome.

To the person who thought I was whining about the graduation time ... I was not complaining for myself. I don't have a problem getting up and being on time to Front Campus, because I live in Milledgeville. But for my family who does not and for friends of mine who I know commute an hour and a half everyday to get to school, it is inconvenient for THEM, not the students who live in Milledgeville and are walking ... please reread my last entry again.

Hope Rides Alone!!!

I do feel sorry for the girl who is now getting torn up in letters to the editor on emergency contraceptives, but with statements like "It is nearly statistically impossible to have sex with someone who is not a virgin who has not had contact with an STD" and "About 57 percent of teenagers and college students who are sexually active have HPV" she sure was asking for it. Maybe next time she should give more reliable facts or at least use a more reliable source.

Just to let you know: I know that you live in The Grove, own two cats and a rabbit, but don't pay your pet deposit. It's not fair that you don't pay while those of us with pets actually do. You should come clean before you are reported...

To the girl who lives at The Village above my girlfriend's apartment: STOP WALKING ON THE SAME SQUEAKY SPOT ON THE FLOOR EVERY FIVE SECONDS AT EIGHT IN THE MORNING.

Tell me, if Wal-Mart is so big about saving the planet, then why do they still import 99.99 percent of their merchandise from foreign countries? The emissions of the transportation used to import/export goods are by far more polluting than the factories in the U.S. that would produce those same goods. Also, America needs jobs. Here's an idea: let's stop supporting communist countries. So I've come to the conclusion that Wal-Mart is run by a bunch of hypocrites that just like to sit on their butts and do nothing for the country that gave them their start in the first place. Does anyone agree?



Want to vent about something? Send us a message about what's bothering you to screen name **ColonnadeVent**. Comments can be sent anytime, any day of the week.



# Sally's Fan Club

**S**he's not a rich and famous celebrity, but in a recent survey, you told us one of your favorite things about living at The Village is Miss Sally. One student even suggested we start a fan club!

What makes Sally so special? She goes out of her way to make sure the students living at The Village are taken care of. Whether it's a package, maintenance request, a gentle reminder to go to class, or that you've just had a bad day, Sally's on it for you.

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The Colonnade's Guide to Art and Entertainment

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Section Editor, Ana Maria Lugo

## Earth Fest: A tribute to the blue planet

TIFFANY BISHOP  
SENIOR REPORTER

Face painting, papermaking, tie-dye, bagels being turned into bird feeders and planting dish gardens from Lockerly Arboretum. No, it's not the fair; it was this past Saturday's Earth Day Festival on Front Campus.

Earth Fest was sponsored by the Environmental Science Club and was two weeks full of celebration and awareness.

Robinson Barker, president of the Environmental Science Club, thought the event went well.

"We had great music and some great participation from groups across campus," Barker said. "I was really happy with the turnout; there was lots of cool stuff given away, energy-efficient light bulbs, posters, tie-dye, self-made paper and a great experience."

Many groups contributed to the event. Georgia Power handed out energy-efficient light bulbs and signed people up for the "Take the Energy Star: Change a Light Pledge," which is its cause.

Tri-Beta, the biology honor society, set up a table to promote the recycling of items such as batteries, cell phones, computers and compact fluorescent (CFL) light bulbs.

Jamie Grant, president of Tri-Beta, explained to attendees the significance of recycling these items.

"We feel most people are unaware of the toxic chemicals that are released from things such as cell phones, batteries, computers and CFL light bulbs," Grant said. "We want to make people aware of how to recycle these things properly."

Lindsay Morrison, president-elect of Tri-Beta, gave some tips for how to recycle these items.

"Contact your manufacturers," Morrison said. "They

will take them back. Best Buy and Radio Shack will take batteries, and IKEA is the only place right now that will take CFL light bulbs."

Best Buy, Nokia and Motorola take back cell phones. OfficeMax and Walgreens take ink cartridges. Apple, Dell, Sony, Panasonic, Hewlett-Packard, Gateway and Toshiba will recycle computers and office equipment, Grant and Morrison said.

People representing the promotion of Georgia Permaculture had a booth set up. Permaculture is a way to integrate human life with its natural surroundings to create a self-sufficient system.

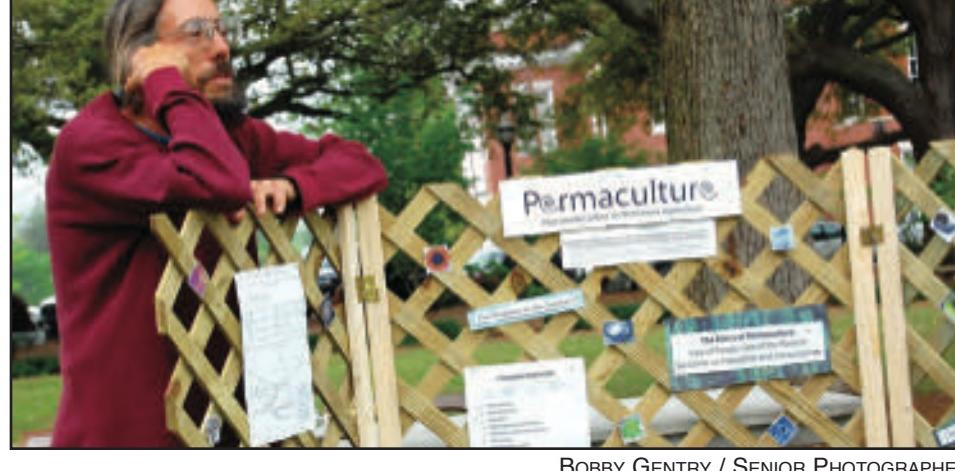
Bob Burns illustrated permaculture as circular thinking instead of linear thinking when it comes to living with the environment.

"It's a way to think about how we put stuff together," Burns said. "The focus is on the relationships with those elements."

After the festivities were over, the entire Planet Earth series was shown on a projector screen on Front Campus, as well.

Who says saving the world isn't fun?

To join the Environmental Science Club, visit its group on Facebook or its Web site at [www2.gcsu.edu/orgs/student/esc/](http://www2.gcsu.edu/orgs/student/esc/).



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Part of the Earth Fest celebration involved educating the public about ways of saving the planet as well as alternative ways of living such as "Permaculture" as exhibited above.



BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Festivities included entertainment, food and crafts including tie-dye t-shirt making which was popular with students and other community members in attendance.

## Inside Baldwin State Prison

GCSU alum and mental health counselor gives a unique view

ERIN GISH  
STAFF REPORTER

In prison terms, the world beyond the bleak brick walls and razor wire-topped fences of Baldwin State Prison in Milledgeville is called the "free world."

When new inmates are transported to the facility, they are first sent to diagnostics. Here they undergo several tests checking for mental and medical defects. They are also assigned to the prison and dorm that will become their home for as long as their sentence holds.

There are three dorms for mentally ill inmates at Baldwin State: K2, K3 and K4. K2 houses the more severe cases. K3 houses the less severe cases and K4 houses the least severe cases. Inmates sent to K3 are placed in the care of mental health counselor and GCSU alumna Stacie Wade.

Wade always had an interest in mental health, but began college studying biology at Georgia Tech.

"I wanted to go into genetics, but I realized I talk far too much to spend the rest of my life in a lab by myself," Wade said.

In 2002, Wade received her undergraduate

degree in psychology from GCSU. She went on to earn her master's in clinical psychology at Argosy University in Atlanta. Wade began her career at Baldwin State Prison in August 2004.

Warden Vanessa O'Donnell, a soft spoken woman resembling the stereotypical image of a soccer mom rather than of the warden of a close security prison, doted on Wade's wing.

"We're very proud of our Mental Health program. It is the focal point of the institution," O'Donnell said.

As part of her caseload, Wade has treated some very sick and dangerous men. She and the rest of the staff provide different levels of care to the inmates.

All inmates are categorized as a Level 1, 2, 3 or 4.

Level 1 inmates have no mental disability. Level 2 inmates have only slight mental disability. Level 4 inmates have severe mental illnesses and need strict around-the-clock care.

Wade treats Level 3 inmates. The Level 3 inmates are categorized as "in patients,"

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## Magnolia late night shuttle rides

AUBREY PETKAS  
STAFF REPORTER

A Friday morning shuttle ride to campus from Magnolia Park Apartments might reveal a few reminders from the fun-filled night preceding it. A glow stick may be found precariously wrapped around one of the seats, and perhaps a few wristbands from Capital City or Velvet Elvis may be found tattered on the floor.

Magnolia Park is capitalizing on Thursday night fun by offering a new late night shuttle bus—11 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. to and from downtown Milledgeville. The 25-passenger shuttle began taking Magnolia Park residents downtown after spring break and made its fourth Thursday night trek downtown April 24.

"There were a lot of residents who brought up the idea of having a shuttle ride to downtown on Thursday nights," said Norris McCormick, Magnolia's shuttle driver, affectionately known as Kane.

"So I passed the message to the manager, and she passed the word on to corporate. It took about five months but they told me I could do it if I wanted to," Kane said.

The brightly colored shuttle has been making its rounds to campus during the day since Magnolia Park opened in fall 2006. The shuttle has been a draw for the apartment's business and is a very noticeable part of the amenities available there.

"When I came here as property manager in February, our renewal rates were not where we wanted them to be," said Robin Hixon, Magnolia Park's new property manager. "With a poll, we found that the main reason people were leaving was due to our location. I pitched the idea of a night shuttle to the regional manager and here we are," said Hixon.

The night shuttle has been a success; many residents are glad to have Kane as

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Students from all over the state showcased their poetic talents. The poems took a wide range of topics from culture to religion.

## Poetic expression flows freely

CLAIRE KERSEY  
STAFF REPORTER

Poetry slams can provide a mouthpiece for many people. They can make people laugh, cry or think, all through words. The first annual Poetic Notions Poetry Slam did just that. The slam was hosted by Art as an Agent for Change, an RSO that educates people about social issues through artwork, poetry and other media. The event was opened to people at colleges all over Georgia.

The slam was born when AAC founder Paul Grigsby came up empty-handed in his search for a statewide poetry slam.

"I was looking for an intercollegiate poetry slam in Georgia, and I couldn't find one," Grigsby said.

This inspired him to have AAC host the first.

Many people from different backgrounds performed, with different themes in their songs and poetry. Some people spoke about religion, others spoke about life experiences. Some were humorous and others were thought-provoking.

A poetry slam encourages the audience to make as much noise as they like.

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meaning that in the "free world" their illnesses are so severe that they would need to be hospitalized.

"We see them more frequently," Wade said. "They have individual sessions more frequently, and their days are very structured to provide that stability they need."

Wade's goal for every inmate she treats is to help them stabilize their illness. She helps the inmates control their symptoms and, if medication is necessary, to be properly medicated to manage their symptoms independently.

Wade treats convicted murderers, rapists, child molesters and thieves everyday. She also treats men with schizophrenia, personality disorders, bipolar disorder and depressive disorders.

One inmate, a convicted child molester suffering from severe major depressive disorder with psychotic features, showed off his drawings hanging in a sergeant's office.

"I feel I've come a long way," the man said. "I used to be an ornery little critter, but not now, thanks to Miss Wade."

Wade says the greatest challenge in her job is that these criminal and mentally ill minds are one and the same.

"One of the problems I do have consistently in treating the people that I treat is you have to reconcile what they've done with the actual person, and you also have to separate the two," Wade said. "If you have someone whose primary problem stems from child abuse, they may be in prison for killing someone. You have to keep that in consideration, but also treat them as a person and not just as a criminal."

While Wade's job is difficult, it is apparent why she does it.

"I like the interaction with people," she says. "I may be a little morbid, but I really do like the more severe cases. And I like knowing that even if someone has a lot of problems, you can still help, even if it's just a little bit."

Wade has treated hundreds of inmates over the years, and occasionally, her dedication to civil service pays off.

"I had one a few years ago, a severe self-mutilator. He had a combination psychotic and mood disorder. It was always difficult for him to differentiate between what was real and what wasn't," Wade recalled. "He would injure himself severely; he had to have reconstructive surgery several times. He'd broken bones, he'd cut himself, and he cut his Achilles tendon. He'd swallow things that had to be removed from his stomach because they wouldn't pass through."

"When he first came to us, he had been cutting about once every week. He was with us a little over a year. By the time he left us, he had not cut in about four months," Wade continued. "There were a lot of factors that helped him, and I like to think that me working with him was one of them. But he was also on medication, and he was at a point where he was willing to change, and therefore therapy was much more effective."

Wade laughed as she recalled the same inmate jokingly asking her to throw cheeseburgers to him over the fence. She remembered him saying he would swear "they just

fell from the sky."

"He was so much fun to work with; he was absolutely hilarious," Wade said.

Wade's modesty would never allow her to say so, but her passion for the people she treats is apparent, as is her adamant stance on issues such as the lack of resources available for the mentally ill.

"The reason there are so many people in the prison system that are mentally ill is hospitals don't have the funding anymore to care for these people and the courts know that. People who are mentally ill a lot of times will be arrested for more minor things and will be

given longer sentences for more minor things because the courts know they will get treatment in prison," Wade said.

According to Wade, the Department of Corrections is the largest provider of mental health services in the country.

"It is incredibly unfair to half of these people," she said, "because they should be in a hospital or should have been in a hospital prior to the crime. But those resources just aren't available."

The U.S. Department of Justice reports that over one in three state prisoners, one in four federal prisoners, and one in six jail inmates with a mental health problem received treatment after their admission.

Wade also protests the common misconceptions the general public harbors toward the mentally ill.

"The popular idea is that if somebody has, say, schizophrenia, then obviously they're going to try to kill someone -not true," Wade said. "The percentage of someone with a mental illness committing a violent crime against someone else is actually less than someone who doesn't have one."

The public's concept of prison life is what Wade calls "skewed."

"One of the things people say when coming to the prison for the first time, almost universally, is, 'This is nothing like I thought it was going to be.' What you see on movies are enormously muscled men covered in tattoos walking around half dressed lifting weights. And that absolutely does not happen," she said.

Wade says, for the most part, the inmates are very polite.

"My mother is a high school teacher and my case load is better behaved than her class," Wade says.

She does warn, however, that the profession is not for the faint of heart.

"For people interested in this line of work, find out about it before you get into it. Definitely do an internship but definitely get some experience in it before you decide it's what you want to do," Wade said. "We had a counselor start on a Monday, everything peachy, going fine. We came in Thursday morning, and she had managed to sneak all the stuff out of her office. She had quit and left."

Wade advises that nothing can prepare one better for the profession than real world experience.

"You can read every book about psychosis and hallucinations, but to actually be sitting there with that person and trying to talk them out of killing themselves, while the voices are telling them to kill themselves, is an entirely different setting," she said. "It is difficult, but if it's what you're good at, it can be very rewarding."



PHOTOS BY ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
GCSU alum Stacie Wade (pictured above) proves that you can't always judge a book by its cover. While most people think working in a prison is mostly scary, Wade's outlook breaks stereotypical outlooks most people expect from prison workers. (Below) A prisoner keeps in touch with his musical talent as he concentrates playing his harmonica.



## READ: [reed], verb.

**1. To look at carefully so as to understand the meaning of (something written, printed, etc.)**

**2. to render in speech**  
**3. to have such knowledge of a language as to be able to understand it.**

**4. To acquire knowledge from the written text.**

**5. to apprehend the meaning of**  
**6. to adopt or give as a reading in a particular passage**

## Remembering the Hokies...



BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Michael George and Ryan Greene, both of SGA, and Chris Turner remember the fallen souls of last year's Virginia Tech shootings as well as the countless students whose lives were also taken by campus violence. Students and faculty gathered on the morning of April 21 to pay their respects.



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## FEATURES

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**'Iron Man' in metal action***"Robert Downey Jr. is the one man gang of Transformers" B*CHRIS MOSKALY  
REVIEWER

The season of summer blockbusters at the theater generally has one of two outcomes: either we get the popcorn pleasure we hoped for as we throw all our money at Hollywood's special-effects laden talent show, or we go home completely disappointed wondering how we ever thought we would get what we'd hoped for. The first piece of the pie will be delivered in early May as blockbuster season kicks off a slow 2008 with another comic book adaptation in "Iron Man."

Going back to some of my earlier write-ups, "Mission: Impossible III" gave me everything (if not more than) I hoped for in 2006, but then a year later, "Spiderman 3" did the exact opposite as it set in motion one of Hollywood's worst summers. Headed by Jon Favreau in the director's chair, and Robert Downey Jr. leading the cast, "Iron Man" surprisingly pays off for a little more than just its die-hard fans.

Before we see the construction of the original suit, we spend a good portion of the beginning getting to know Tony Stark, a billionaire playboy who runs his own industrial company. After being kidnapped by a group of terrorists in a missile experiment, Stark takes it upon himself to build a new type of weapon that will not only save him from imprisonment, but also assist him in ridding people of the evil that is to come as Stark faces his ultimate destiny.

As much as critics love to dig holes in the middle of every single comic book movie, I have to admit, "Iron Man" has enough wit and well-played structure to make all the little things pass. I mean come on, anyone can see that constructing a bullet-proof suit that is capable of throwing flames and flying, all in just a few days' work is about as questionable as Halle Berry playing Catwoman. With Downey Jr.'s energy and potential backing the process, the questions just fall away as we anxiously await what "Iron Man" plans to do with all of his accessories. Buzz Lightyear will definitely be needing an upgrade before "Toy Story 3."

My biggest fear in watching comic book adaptations is how many stars the public has on the face of the hero. Why did "Spiderman" do so well in its run? Because Tobey Maguire was a nobody, and because of his lackluster fame, people

showed up not to see an actor launched into the spotlight, but to see a heavily admired character brought to life. Why was "Daredevil" such a grueling disaster? Because people came not to see a blind hero in red leather, but an already hated and disfavored actor (Ben Affleck) earn his paycheck. Coming off the recently successful "Zodiac," Downey Jr. was a bit too fresh in my mind as far as superstardom is concerned, but because his face is not the first thing you see in the checkout aisles at Wal-Mart, it isn't too hard to buy his performance as a superhero. Plus, Downey Jr. adds a special sort of energy to his performance that can make anyone believe he had his heart put to this role, even if his name wasn't the first to come to mind for the die-hard readers of the comic.

Clocking in at just over two hours, "Iron Man" certainly fulfills pure entertainment with its fast pace and decent CGI robot fights, which provide all the popcorn pleasure we need to kick off the season. However, for the sake of a hurting revenue at the box office, and a slow beginning to an anticipated year, Favreau's project ultimately pays off while the iron is hot, but looking way ahead at what's left to come this summer, it won't be too shocking to see this one wind up only on the shelves of the fanboys who share their room with a life-size figurine, while Black Sabbath builds a little bit on its fanbase.

**Honor society welcomes new members**JODIE ALDRIDGE  
GUEST WRITER

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is pleased to announce its new student members into the Phi Kappa Phi Chapter at GCSU. They are among approximately 30,000 students, faculty and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society. It is an honor unlike any other and holds great merit and statute.

"Being a member of Phi Kappa Phi will give me opportunities that will give me opportunities most won't have," said Sara Sellers, an inducted new member. "I am eligible for scholarships, grants and awards that only Phi Kappa Phi members can receive."

In order to be eligible for membership, all students must be of sound character and can be studying in any discipline. As a junior, the members selected must

have completed 72 hours and rank in the top 7.5 percent of his class. A senior or graduate student must rank in the top 10 percent of his class as a member.



Current Phi Kappa Phi students tapped students in their individual classrooms letting them know of their invitation into the honor society. Students also nominated faculty for membership. The initiation was held on April 11 at 6 p.m. in the Magnolia Ballroom and Dr. Eustace Palmer served as the keynote speaker. A reception followed the ceremony to welcome the new students and to celebrate their induction.

Approximately 33 juniors, 71 seniors and 24 graduate students were inducted into the chapter for the 2008-2009 year. Also, nine faculty members were initiated into the chapter form membership.

"I was looking for something which would be an inspiration to all students to work for a high rank," said Marcus Urann, Phi Kappa Phi founding member.

In recent membership news, two Phi Kappa Phi students, Christin Ivey and Kathleen Ragan, won a \$1,000 study abroad grant. There were 350 grant applications received this year—the most to date. Ivey will be traveling to Italy on her grant and Ragan will be traveling to Belize.

Since its founding in 1897, Phi Kappa Phi has initiated more than one million members. The society's mission is "to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

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Meet the poets...



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AAC founder Paul Grigsby gives in to the power of words as he organizes the first intercollegiate poetry slam. The event attracted students and performers from all over Georgia.



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PHOTOGRAPHER

Tavias Bennett is just one of the many participants of AAC's first slam. They hope to make it a tradition.

**Poetry Slam**

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Silence is unacceptable. The poets are judged on how well they engage the audience, and in turn, the cheers of the audience influence the judges.

An audience favorite was Genae Carter, whose poem "My Heart Is Imprisoned by Your Love" was inspired by an abusive relationship. Carter won the honorable mention for her performance.

"I love the thrill, and I love to inspire my audience," Carter said.

Another popular poem was performed by Nadirah Ross. It was titled "The Taste Generation," and described how people want a taste of everything, and they make excuses such as, "I smoke, but I don't inhale," and "I'm a genius, but I can't keep HOPE." Parts of the poem were set to the tune of "Killing Me Softly," mixing a capella singing with the spoken word. Ross was the poetry slam's runner-up.

"I wrote this poem because I noticed a lot of things that plague our generation," Ross said.

The night's winning poet embodied the inter-collegiate aspect of the event. Kiera Nelson, a student at Georgia State University, came to compete with her poem about a slam school, and the different types of poems that go there. For winning the slam, she won a \$200 prize.

The poem was inspired by Nelson's desire to do something different, after hearing three years worth of the same things at poetry slams.

"A friend e-mailed me (about the event), so I got on Facebook and signed up," Nelson said.

Many other performers shone on the stage of the MSU Lounge. Some rappers from Baldwin High School made the audience go wild with their rap about Milledgeville. Another poet shared a story about a young girl's downward spiral in her crutches for attention.

The event was very popular among those who attended, and AAC plans to make it a tradition.

"I enjoyed the experience, and I can't wait for the next one," Grigsby said.

Grigsby ended the show with the traditional AAC exit, shouting, "AAC!"

The audience responded with a resounding,

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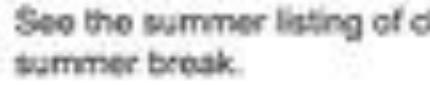
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Magnolia Park is now offering a Thursday night shuttle service to and from downtown. The shuttle is driven by "Daddy Kane" who also DJs and keeps the shuttle "crunk".

### Late Night Shuttle

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their Thursday night designated driver.

"The shuttle is definitely a fun time. It saves on gas, the cost of a taxi and the risk of a DUI," Zack Etheridge, an employee of the apartment complex, said. "The party shuttle is crunk and safe."

Paul Wyche, a biology major and Magnolia Park resident, explains how "crunk" the shuttle really is.

"There was definitely some booty-dancing and hip-hop music playing," said Wyche. "We were given glow sticks when we got in and people wore them around their heads or twirled them around to the music. It's basically like having prom every Thursday but not having to pay for it. I mean, I would be OK with just staying on the shuttle all night while Kane drove us around."

The popularity of the night shuttle has grown since its first weeks. Overcrowding has become a possible safety issue on the 25-passenger shuttle.

"The first time the shuttle went downtown we had about 130 people ride that night. The next week we had around 200 people, and this past time we had around 350 people ride in one night," Kane said.

"There are probably around 50 to 60 riders per trip."

Doubling the shuttle's capacity could be a danger.

"Once any building or form of public transportation is over capacity it is unsafe," said Chief Miller Rogers of the Milledgeville Fire Department. "If a shuttle is carrying double its capacity it is way over what it should be. I could understand how having two or three people over, but anything over that could cause crowding and less space to escape in case of an emergency."

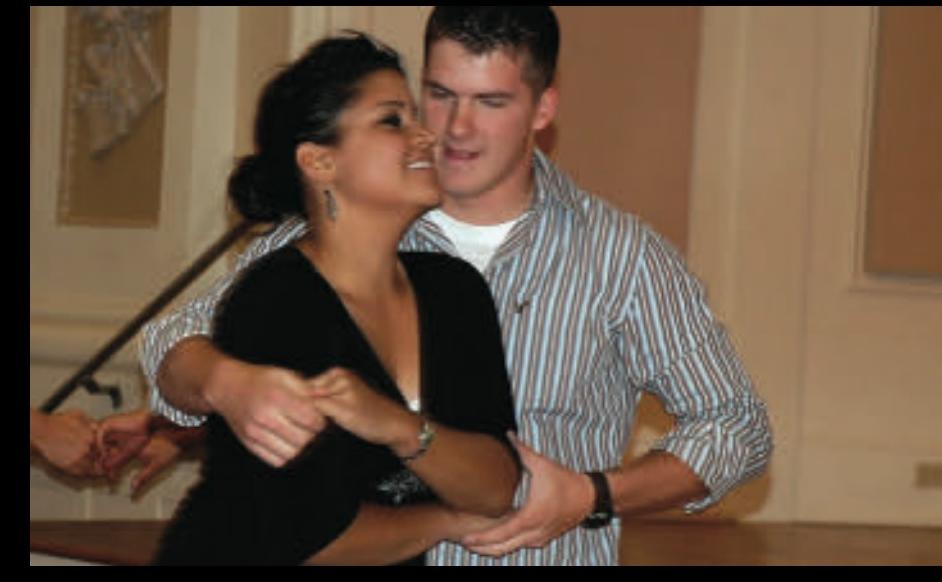
Having a crowded shuttle could also allow people to sneak alcoholic beverages onto the shuttle.

"I brought a (alcoholic) drink on the shuttle, Kane drove so smoothly I didn't spill a drop. 'Original Gangster' was playing in the background," Mark Nejedly said, a junior physical education major. "There were probably around 40 people in the shuttle."

Hixon says the night shuttle has been "maxed-out" at times. She adds that no food or drinks are allowed on the shuttle.

"We don't advocate or condone drinking. However, we do realize the need for a night shuttle, and we will address any problems immediately that may arise," Hixon said.

### Swingin' to the music...



Photos by Erin Gish/ Senior Photographer

Old is new again as students danced the night away with the GCSU Swing Association. Experts and amateur students showcased their talents in Magnolia Ballroom on Tuesday, April 15.

### Dance minors to show off on stage

SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE

The Russell Auditorium stage will be filled with GCSU dancers as the Music and Theatre Department will present the Dance Minor Spring Concert on Saturday, April 26 at 8 p.m. and April 27 at 2 p.m.

Dancers had to audition for the concert in November. After Christmas break, dancers learned choreography for their pieces and rehearsals began.

Sophomore choreographer Christy Breyman will present a group piece.

"I started coming up with the piece in the summer. I had the entire concept and I knew what I wanted for the entire

piece," Breyman said.

There is a lot of work that goes into the choreography of the pieces performed for the concert, as well as for the dancers who learn and perform the choreography.

"I am excited to see all the elements come together, the costumes, the lights and the movements. It will be neat to see something that I have choreographed finally come together," said Breyman.

This year's concert will have choreographically diverse pieces ranging from pointe, tap, modern and contemporary. There will also be a wide range of musical selections including the classical works of Beethoven and Vivaldi to the more urban

music of the Postal Service, Evanescence and Les Tambours du Bronx.

Other choreographers in the show include senior student choreographers Jessica Gore and Michelle Wiltshire, who will each be performing an original solo along with sophomore Chelsea Losh. Two of the modern pieces in the show will be choreographed by Emily Mlot, dance instructor at GCSU.

Mary Jane Pennington, a former GCSU student and dance minor, will be the guest artist for this year's show.

Tickets are \$6 for general admission and \$3 for GCSU students with a valid ID.

For more information, call 478-445-4226.

### Motown in the morning



JEN FORDHAM / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Music show group, Good Vibrations, performs Motown hits on Front Campus hosted by music therapy students. Students on campus were treated to classic songs that included hits such as "My Girl" on April 17.

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## Taking home the hardware

### Lady 'Cats grab first PBC title

BY MITCHELL DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

Conference Champs. That's the new title given to the GCSU softball team. The Lady Bobcats traveled to Florence, S.C., last weekend as the No. 3 seed in the Peach Belt Conference and left their mark on the tournament.

Heading into the weekend the Lady Bobcats were already set back without their starting right fielder, senior Brianna Hope, who broke her elbow during practice. She was replaced by freshman Kati Pickowitz who would eventually score the winning run in the championship game.

Head coach Ginger Chaffinch held practice as normal during the days before the tournament, claiming the recent conference games would aid preparation. She was pleased with her team's attitude heading into the event.

"The girls knew that we could win," Chaffinch said. "It's just a matter of



Junior centerfielder Sherquita Bostick awaits a pitch, ready to unleash her powerful swing. She led the team in hits, total bases, home runs and slugging percentage this season.

playing consistently through the weekend and that's what they did. They had all the confidence they could win. I don't think it was a surprise for them."

GCSU's first game set them against the six seed Francis Marion University. The Bobcats shut out the Patriots 2-0 and moved on to face the two seed Armstrong Atlantic

University. Junior Haley Holloway robbed a two run shot in left field and junior first baseman Chelsea Wilson hit the game winning RBI to knock off the Lady Pirates 1-0.

Wilson acknowledged Holloway's homerun saving catch as a momentum shifter in the tournament. "Left field has been an

up and down position for us all year," Wilson said. "Her stepping up and making a big play like that was just like wow, we still have it."

North Georgia College and State University would be GCSU's next

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### Chandler pitching way into history

BY SCOTT TOMPSON  
STAFF REPORTER

Some athletes play great; others are truly great players.

GCSU pitcher Mandy Chandler falls into the latter category. She is one of the most dominant athletes in school history, and a surefire GCSU Hall of Famer.

Despite being a junior, Chandler already holds seven career records at GCSU, including wins, appearances, games started, complete games, shutouts, innings pitched and strikeouts.

This season she helped lead GCSU to the 2008 Peach Belt Conference title with a four-win performance in the PBC Conference Tournament. Her record for the 2008 season thus far stands at 24-7, including 25 complete games, 11 shutouts and 287 strikeouts in 217 innings pitched. Opponents have scored

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## The Season PASS



BY COREY DICKSTEIN  
SPORTS EDITOR

### The Season Pass Awards

Twenty-six down and zero to go. This will be the final Season Pass. I would like to thank all of my readers and the GCSU community who have helped me along the way.

I can't think of a better way to end the year than to give out some awards.

#### Coach of the Year

Steve Barsby: The men's and women's tennis coach grabbed his 150th win in women's tennis and his 100th men's win in his eighth year at GCSU. The men's team was runner up in the PBC Tournament, while the women finished sixth. Currently the women are ranked No. 15 and the men No. 17.

#### Male Athlete of the Year

Eric Siqueira: The redshirt junior made his mark on Division II tennis with an 18-2 individual record at first singles including a 7-1 mark in the Peach Belt Conference, good enough to earn him a No. 3 individual ranking in the country.

#### Female Athlete of the Year

Mandy Chandler: The junior is currently having her best season to date. With the regular season and PBC Tournament complete she owns a 0.74 ERA, while grabbing 23 wins and striking out 279 batters in 207.2 innings.

#### Team of the Year

Softball: After finishing third in the conference, the Lady Bobcats stormed through the PBC Tournament and grabbed a first place finish. Currently the team is 39-12 and ranked No. 8 in the nation. The Ladies now await their seeding for the D-II South Atlantic Regional Tournament that begins May 8.

#### Most Improved

Soccer team: The Bobcats played their way to a 13-5 record, their best in school history, and made it to the semifinals of the PBC Tournament before being ousted 1-0 by eventual champion Columbus State University only a year after finishing 6-7-4.

#### Rookie of the Year

Dominique Huffin: The freshman led the Lady Bobcats by averaging 13.9 points per game and set a Centennial Center record by scoring 41 points against Lander University on Jan. 12.

## Golf places third at PBC

BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU golf team concluded play in the Peach Belt Conference tournament on Tuesday, coming home from Aiken, S.C. with a third-place finish.

The Bobcats got in trouble early with a poor first round, shooting a 15-over-par 303.

The result was not what Coach Jimmy Wilson was looking for.

"Yeah, I was disappointed in our play in the first round," he said. "But I was proud of our guys for battling back."

Wilson made no excuses for

his team's early play at Houndslake Country Club.

"I mean, we play a practice round before every tournament, so we can't say we hadn't seen the course," he said. "It's not like we had to figure out the course as we played it."

The Bobcats certainly picked up their play in rounds two and three, scoring twin 289s to finish at 17-over for the tournament.

PBC Freshman of the Year Joe Young led the way for the Bobcats, shooting a 218 to finish tied for fourth, and senior Juan Bialek improved his score each round, shooting a 221 to finish tenth.

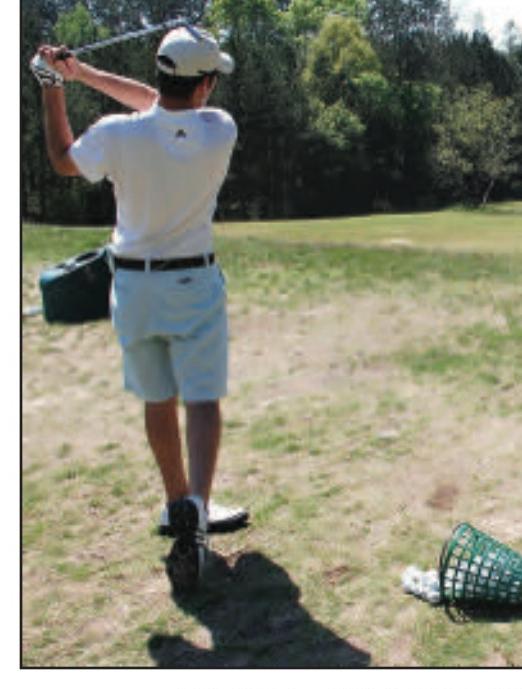
Sophomore All-Peach Belt selection Niclas Johansson seemed frustrated with the result, because of his team's potential.

"We were not happy with our play in the first round, we had to fight back after that," he said. "The way we played all year, we should have won this tournament."

Johansson shot a 222 for a twelfth place finish.

Sophomore Francisco Bide struggled more in the second round, unlike his teammates, but recovered in the third to

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ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Freshman Billy Shida admires his practice shot at the Little Fishing Creek driving range.

## Bobcats in playoff picture after weekend series win

BY COREY DICKSTEIN  
SENIOR REPORTER

Sophomore reliever Jamie Ammons' fastball painted the outside corner of the plate Tuesday afternoon to cap the Bobcats third win of the week.

Seven GCSU pitchers combined to blank Albany State University in the Tuesday outing, after the team took two-of-three games in a key weekend series with the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

"We knew going into (last) weekend that we had to win two out of three games against Pembroke," head coach Tom Carty said. "That created a scenario where we control our own destiny, now we have to go up this weekend to Augusta (State University) and play well and come up with, hopefully, as many wins as we can."

Currently the Bobcats are 12-12 in the Peach Belt Conference sitting in a three-way tie for

fifth with Pembroke and Armstrong Atlantic State University with three games left to play.

The weekend series win gives GCSU the tiebreak over Pembroke, but Armstrong took two-of-three games from the Bobcats early in the season and owns that tiebreak.

Fortunately for the Bobcats, a sweep of 9-15 August would secure them a spot in the top six of the conference, earning them a PBC Tournament bid.

"This time last year we were already locked in as the No. 1 seed in the conference," said redshirt junior Pete Paris. "We were fighting for the No. 1 seed in the regionals and going into the conference tournament knowing that it really didn't matter if we won or not because we had an automatic bid into the regionals. This year is different, because we have had to fight and

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Sophomore pitcher Brandon Owens unleashes a strike against UNCP.

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### GCSU Athlete of the Week



#### Mandy Chandler

This is Chandler's record fourth athlete of the week award. The junior pitcher picked up all of the wins during the Lady Bobcats run to their first PBC Tournament title. Chandler was 4-1 with a 1.63 ERA for the tournament.

## Athletes cope with stresses of classes and competition

BY ALANA LLEWELLYN  
STAFF WRITER

Students who compete in sports experience difficulties balancing school, sports and friends. Student athletes can become overwhelmed and may end up doing things that could potentially affect their goals and aspirations in the future, but not all students fall prey to such things.

Hours of practice on top of hours of homework can make for a fairly stressful semester. From soccer and softball players to cross country runners and basketball players, GCSU athletes share the same stress loads as everyone else but with a somewhat more difficult task.

"Balancing time between school and sports stresses me out a lot ... also trying to be the best on the sports field and in the classroom stresses me out," said junior soccer player and mass communication major Hayley Ferrell.

Soccer teammate Lyric Burnett, a sophomore mass communication major, agreed.

"I am the most stressed-out about studying for tests," Burnett said. "I feel like if I don't study in advance I am not prepared at all."

Recent evidence in a study by Athlete Insight showed that student athletes typically experience a greater level of stress due to dealing with the stress of athletics and academics in their first few years in a university atmosphere.

Many athletes agree sports can serve as a stress reliever, but studies suggest students who are active in college sports may cause additional stress on themselves than that of a non-athletic college student.

"I don't think I really do one specific thing to relax; I usually just step away and do something for myself like shop for an hour or go for a walk or take a nap - but that usually makes me a little more stressed out, because I'm not getting anything done," Ferrell said.

Burnett has other ways to deal with stress.

"Playing soccer releases a lot of stress for me; it's an escape from school and deadlines," Burnett said. "To deal with stress, I do some type of physical activity like practice, play racquetball or run or I have a quiet time where I pray or just let my mind wander until I relax."

For any athlete at a Division I or II school, a schedule routinely includes training, training and more training, which doesn't really leave room for a whole lot more. Typically college sports consume a large amount of time and energy that most students would normally spend on studies or other activities.

"I juggle classes, soccer and a social life by being organized," Burnett said. "I keep a calendar with me and a calendar on my desk with school, soccer and social dates, so I can plan ahead. I also make a ton of to-do lists."

Research from Athlete Insight also suggests that time causes major obstacles in an athlete's life on campus. Students realize that it is up to them to do the work, and it's their decision how those choices affect their time on the field.

"It's hard to juggle (classes, athletics as well as a social life) ... I normally have to make sacrifices in order to do one thing over another," Ferrell said.

Just as the typical college student is expected to spend a number of hours each day on their studies, as is the average student athlete.

"I do over the course of the week on average maybe an hour of studying or homework each day," Burnett said.

Ferrell said she studies a little more.

"I probably do about two to three hours of homework a day on average ... more some days than others," said Ferrell.

With the challenges and pressures of being a student athlete, these students all agree that it is worth it.

"Playing really helps relieve any tension I have throughout the week," Ferrell said. "When I play, I don't think about school or any other problems - I just try to play."

## 'Cats take second at PBC



Redshirt junior Erick Siqueira led the Bobcat tennis team to one of its most successful seasons in history.

GCSU took second place in the Peach Belt Championship Tournament last weekend, falling only to No. 1 Armstrong Atlantic State University.

Siqueira, ranked No. 3 in the nation, individually, lost in the championship round, but posted an outstanding 18-2 record.

The Bobcats now await their seeding for the NCAA Division II South Atlantic Regional Tournament.

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### Softball

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opponent. NGCSU was tied for the best hitting team in the league with an impressive .315 team batting average. GCSU squeaked by with a 2-1 victory aided by a go-ahead homerun by Lindsey Swanson and secured their spot in the championship game.

North Georgia would win out in the loser's bracket and face GCSU again. This time, the NGCSU Saints' bats would come alive as they beat the

Bobcats 7-3, setting up a winner take all final game.

The Saints struck first, scoring two runs in the third inning. The fourth inning would see Sherquita Bostick earn her title as PBC Player of the Year as she hit a three run homerun to centerfield to put GCSU up by one run.

In the seventh, Mandy Chandler would walk in the game tying run which pushed the game into extra innings.

The eighth inning included a scary moment at second base. Laura Voyles of NGCSU was running to second and injured her head on the play. The game

was stopped for about thirty minutes while paramedics were needed.

The ninth and final inning was capped by a game winning RBI by junior third baseman Tonya Medders, who scored Pickowitz on a hit to right field. Chandler finished the game allowing five hits and striking out seven.

The Lady Bobcats are 39-12 with a PBC title and are currently awaiting the announcement of their seeding for the South Atlantic Regional Tournament that begins on May 8.

### Baseball

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claw our way to get into the conference tournament - we haven't even done that for sure yet. We just have to go out and take care of an Augusta State team that we shouldn't lose to."

After struggling early in their conference schedule the Bobcats appeared to start putting the pieces together when they swept the series at Lander University on the last weekend of March and followed that by taking two-of-three from No. 23 Francis Marion University the next weekend.

The Bobcats then stole a game from No. 7 Columbus State University in the following weekend's three-game set.

"I really think that we're playing better right now than we have played all year," said redshirt sophomore Andrew Evans. "Even against Columbus we, kind of, had that last (game) in the bag, but it just kind of got away from us. We should have taken two out of three from them too."

Evans is referring to the third game of the series against Columbus when the Bobcats took a 2-1 lead into the top of the ninth, but the Cougars rallied for four runs in the inning to take the game 5-2.

Pembroke grabbed the first game of the series, last weekend, with a convincing 17-4 win, in which they outhit the Bobcats 18-8.

"We got knocked around a little bit in

game one," Paris said. "After that we had two must-wins in front of us, because we knew we had to win the series. Game two was a close game - Derek Johns really picked us up. We knew we had to take care of business and in game three we stuck it to them a little bit."

Game two saw the Bobcats grab an 8-5 win off the bat of Johns, who smashed a two-out grand slam over the left-centerfield wall to take the lead. Senior closer Michael Newman came on in the ninth to grab his ninth save of the season.

The Bobcats came to life in game three as they pounded out 13 runs on 14 hits. Sophomore hurler Clete Jessup took advantage of the lead his offense gave him and threw 6.2 strong innings, allowing only four hits and four runs. Sophomore centerfielder Sean Harrell led GCSU at the plate with three hits including a homerun, a double, two RBI's and three runs.

Tuesday's non-conference win should keep the Bobcats heads up going into the weekend.

"Our guys pitched well," Carty said. "We kind of overmatched them a little bit, up until the last inning we did enough to at least score a run an inning. That's kind of what you want to do mid-week. Just get your pitchers to be competitive, throw strikes, and hope offensively you can come up with a run an inning."

There seems to be a growing confidence around the team as the season concludes.

"We've got three days to kind of prepare to close it out, and as long as we don't go up there and lay an egg, we're gonna be alright," said Carty.

### Current PBC baseball standings

| Team           | PBC record   | Overall record | Streak       |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| USC Aiken      | 17-7         | 42-11          | Won 9        |
| Columbus       | 17-7         | 37-14          | Won 1        |
| North Georgia  | 16-11        | 33-18          | Won 1        |
| Francis Marion | 16-11        | 32-18          | Won 1        |
| Pembroke       | 12-12        | 31-22          | Lost 3       |
| Armstrong      | 12-12        | 24-18          | Lost 1       |
| <b>GCSU</b>    | <b>12-12</b> | <b>29-22</b>   | <b>Won 3</b> |
| Augusta        | 9-15         | 28-24          | Won 2        |
| Lander         | 6-18         | 18-30          | Lost 8       |
| Ga SW          | 6-18         | 16-32          | Won 1        |

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## SPORTS

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**Swim Cats conclude 2008 season at Georgia Southern meet**

FILE PHOTO  
The Swim Cats wrapped up their season at the Georgia Southern Invitational against UGA and the host Eagles.

SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE

The GCSU Swim Cats returned home from there last meet at Georgia Southern University on April 19.

The Georgia Southern University Invitational was the first meet for the Eagles and attracted a small group of three teams, the University of Georgia, GCSU and Georgia Southern. This was the Swim Cats' last meet of the

season after months of training and traveling.

"My first year with the team has not only given me the opportunity to swim, but also a group of friends I didn't expect to find," said John Goose, Swim Cats member. "This was the last meet of the year and we went to have a good time and left with a third place finish and have already begun to set our sites towards next years season."

The Swim Cats placed third having competed with nine of its members.

"This year has been full of surprises," said Scholz, the Swim Cats' vice president. "Our team has traveled to new places, set new team records and attracted more new talent than any other year before; it will be hard to top this year."

The Swim Cats will take to summer off before jumping back into training in August and hosting the Fourth Annual Bobcat Invitational during the fall semester.

**Chandler**

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an average of less than one run per game against Chandler this season.

The dominance doesn't stop there, either. On May 14, 2006,

Chandler tied the NCAA Division II record for strikeouts in a game while fanning 23 batters over 16 innings. Her 16 strikeouts in a 2-1 win against Lenoir Rhyne College on March 10, 2007 are tied for the sixth-best in NCAA Division II history for a seven-inning game. She's a

three-time All-Peach Belt Conference player, and in 2007 was named to the Daktronics All-Southeast Region team as a sophomore.

"I'm competition-hungry, I don't like to lose," Chandler said. "When I'm out there, I want the other team to know that I'm going to strike them out. I do what I do, and I like to get strikeouts."

With seemingly every pitch and every game, Chandler continues to cement her place in GCSU history, piling up strikeout victims as frustrated hitters flail almost helplessly at her assortment of rising fastballs, curveballs, screwballs and change-ups.

But were it not for a late roster opening in May of 2005, she may not have been a Bobcat.

"In high school, I played in kind of a low-profile region," she said. "I had no idea how to get recruited. I had some offers from other schools, but I didn't really like them. Then, in May of my senior year, I E-mailed (head coach) Ginger (Chaffinch) as sort of a last

resort. She said that she just had a pitcher leave, and I went to try out. I liked Ginger when I first met her, and she said she wanted to sign me after the tryout. I was the last person on the team that season."

It worked out well for the Bobcats. In Chandler's first season, she helped the Bobcats win a school-record 45 games by going 23-4 with 199 strikeouts over 191 innings pitched. It was just a sign of things to come.

Lost in her athletic successes is the fact that Chandler is also one of the top student-athletes in the conference. She has twice been named to the Peach Belt Conference Presidential Honor Roll, which further exemplifies the commitment that has made her a successful pitcher.

One of the most exciting parts about Chandler's career is the fact that her senior year still lies ahead.

If the previous three seasons are any indication of what's ahead, it should be a great year for the GCSU softball team.

**Mandy Chandler****Bio**

Class: Junior  
Pos.: Pitcher  
Major: Marketing

**Statistics by season**

| 2006           | 2007           | 2008 (to date) |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 35 Games       | 41 Games       | 33 Games       |
| 23-4 Record    | 22-12 Record   | 23-6 Record    |
| 190.2 Innings  | 221.1 Innings  | 207.2 Innings  |
| 1.84 ERA       | 1.33 ERA       | 0.74 ERA       |
| 199 Strikeouts | 280 Strikeouts | 279 Strikeouts |

**Golf**

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shoot 226 and finish seventeenth.

Freshman Billy Shida improved four strokes each round after his opening 80, and finished twenty-first, a solid showing for the fifth spot golfer, particularly a freshman seeing his first PBC tournament action.

The Bobcats battled the University of South Carolina at Aiken, the hosts of the tournament, all season for conference supremacy, and the PBC tournament should have reflected this. However, the slip-up in round one allowed Clayton State University to grab second place in the championship.

GCSU golf has played consistently well through-

out the spring, with a ninth place finish in the Bobcat Invitational, March 24-25, being the only instance the Bobcats have placed lower than third.

The team now hopes to put a disappointing PBC tournament behind them in NCAA regional play. The Bobcats await a selection by the tournament committee, but their coach is already preparing for nationals.

"I am very confident that we will receive a bid to play in the regionals, and I feel like the way we finished this tournament got us ready for the next round," Wilson said.

"Hopefully we'll be back on the road a week from Saturday."

The NCAA Southeast regional tournament is held May 5-7 in Charlotte, N.C.

"After that first round,

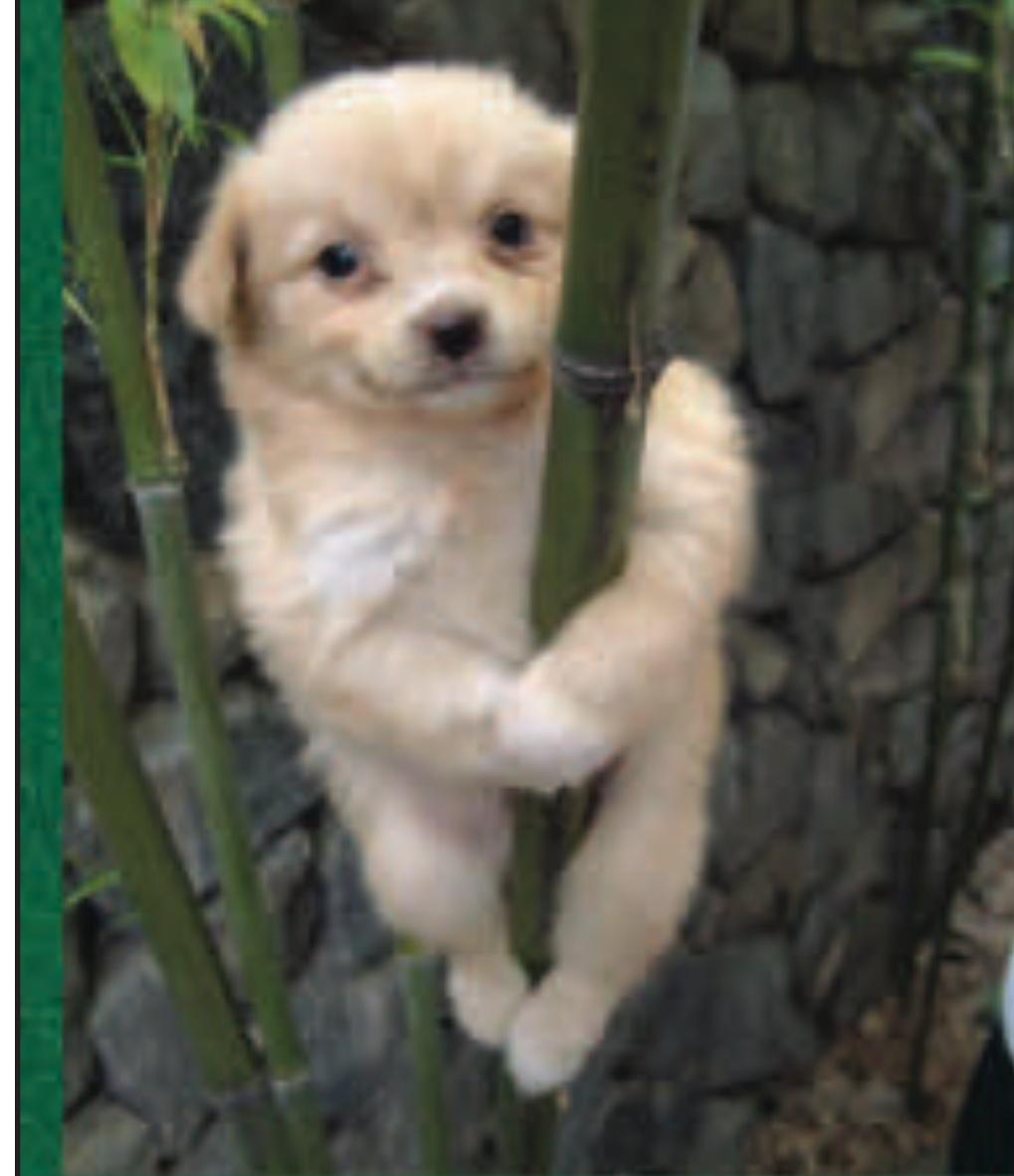
we started playing the way we can play," he said. "I am excited to get going in nationals," Johansson said.

The Bobcats will face a tough lineup of schools in the next round. Columbus State University will try to defend their title from last season, and USCA will be going in confident after their conference championship, and Clayton State, with two outstanding individual players, can post low scores on any weekend.

Last year the Bobcats placed third in the regional tournament, earning their third trip to the national championship round in four years, and this year they appear positioned to make it four out of five.

The NCAA championships will take place May 20-23 in Houston, Texas.

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